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FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM DICK MOOSE

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SUBJECT: PERSONAL MESSAGE

1. I UNDERSTAND FROM BILL HARROP THAT HE TALKED WITH YOU IN NAIROBI ABOUT MY NEED FOR A DEPUTY IN THE BUREAU NEXT FALL, AND TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE ONE OF THE PEOPLE I WAS CONSIDERING.

2. THE FOCUS UPON AFRICA JUST DOESN'T LET UP. IF ANY-THING IT HAS INCREASED IN RECENT WEEKS. THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN NEGOTIATIONS AND SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID ARE AMONG THE ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST PRIORITIES. IN ADDITION WE HAVE THE HORN, ZAIRE/SHABA (AGAIN), THE CUBAN/SOVIET ISSUE, WESTERN SAHARA, CHAD, ANGOLA, SAHEL DEVELOPMENT, OUR DRIVE FOR INCREASED AID TO AFRICA, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELATIONS WITH THE MODERATES, THE SOUTH
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AFRICAN NUCLEAR QUESTION, ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA, ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS, MANAGING RESOURCES AND BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH 49 COUNTRIES, CONGRESS, THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS, ETC., ETC.

3. I NEED THE STRONGEST SUPPORT I CAN POSSIBLY FIND AND

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO JOIN ME. YOU HAVE THE MIND,
THE GUTS, THE KNOWLEDGE OF WASHINGTON, AND AFRICAN

EXPERIENCE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I KNOW THAT WE CAN WORK
WELL TOGETHER.

4. DON PETTERSON IS FILLING IN TEMPORARILY IN PLACE OF
BILL EDMONDSON, BUT DON EXPECTS TO BE GOING OUT TO HEAD
ONE OF OUR MISSIONS IN THE FALL. IT IS HARD WORK AND
LONG HOURS, BUT WE HAVE A SUPERB, FULLY SUPPORTIVE
SECRETARY OF STATE AND AN EXCELLENT AF BUREAU. I MIGHT
ADD THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING IS NOT ONLY SATISFYING
BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT; IT IS ALSO EXCITING AND PLAIN
FUN.

5. LET ME KNOW HOW THE IDEA STRIKES YOU.

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